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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: USE OF AN ORGANOMETALLIC COMPOUND TO  
PROTECT AND/OR STRENGTHEN A KERATIN  
MATERIAL, AND TREATMENT PROCESS  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 41 pages, including title page and abstract, and including 4 independent claims and 49 claims total.
2. Information Data Sheet (2 pgs.).
3. Claim for Priority/Certified copy of French Patent Application No. 00 09224, filed July 13, 2000.
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<b>Basic Application Filing Fee</b>						\$ 710.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims	Rate	
Total Claims	49	-	20	29	X \$ 18	\$ 522.00
Independent Claims	4	-	3	1	X \$ 80	\$ 80.00
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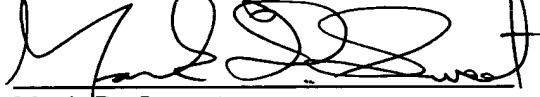
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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